

HERMANUS SOCIAL CLUB – MAY, 2020



As we approach another month of virtual lockdown for us “oldies”, I wonder how you are and what you have been doing this past month. I bought some knitting wool just before lockdown to make a cot blanket. I don't know anyone who is pregnant but I reckoned that someone will be by the time this is all over! My husband thinks that I will finish it before the wool shop is open again. He has offered to unravel the completed blanket so that I can keep busy knitting it up again. 😊 So kind!

THE GOOD NEWS



We now have the time and opportunity to do all the things that we have been meaning to do but just never had the time. Like cleaning cupboards, reading books, watching movies, baking, gardening and sorting old photographs.

THE BAD NEWS



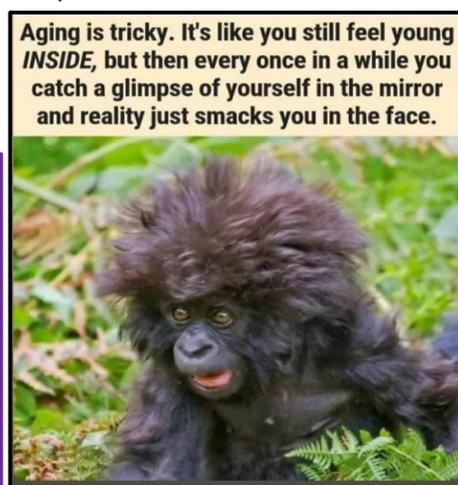
I don't need to tell you that there will be no meeting or outing during May and probably for several months more. But watch this space – we will be back just as soon as it is safe for us to do so. SAARP Head Office will guide us on this. The Corona-19 virus is still going to spread with more infections and more people losing their lives.

In the meantime why not take this quiet time to relook your Will and to update your “ICOD” (In Case of Death) details. This form is supplied by SAARP and is available on their website: www.saarp.net. For your convenience, I am attaching one to this email.

The ICOD Form is used to make sure that your loved ones have the information needed to see to your wishes, to give them your funeral preferences, to save them searching for your bank and investment details, Will, etc. When one has lost a loved one, the last thing one needs is a pile of papers or files to wade through to find information. Keep it clear and simple for them.

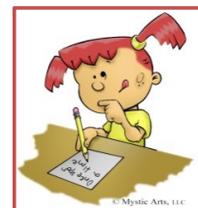


ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.....



You are Challenged!

Write a story in not more than 200 words (as checked using Word Count on MSWord). It can be true or make-believe, travel, romance, sport, crime or sci-fi. Any subject you like. The trick is to keep it to 200 words or less. We will share your entries in our Newsletters but you retain the copyright (for when you publish your book?) As long as we get more than 6 stories, there will be a prize for the one deemed by the Committee to be the best. Send your entries to sheilacraul@gmail.com to arrive no later than 20th May. The winner will be announced in the June Newsletter. So get writing all you would-be scribes!!



How young are you? Last month, I asked you to respond to a survey by having a look at the age groups below and to let me know if it applies to you.



Unfortunately, not many replied (maybe not all read to the second page?) but the result is interesting. Nobody responded in the “Young Seniors” age group. The “Mid Seniors” were equally divided between “Yes” and “No”. EVERYONE in the “High Seniors” age group gave an emphatic “No”!

Annual Neologism Contest

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. The winners are:

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.



Meet **Cathy Gey Van Pittius**. You know her as one of our Membership Secretaries who mans the enrolment and renewal table at our meetings. Cathy's exciting news is that she has a gorgeous Great-Granddaughter - Aimee. Cathy has been a member of SAARP since 2008. Born in Grimsby, England, Cathy trained as a nurse and then she and a friend decided to travel, starting in South Africa. A year later, she married her South African husband. Cathy has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and now is a “lockdown” great-grandmother. Congratulations Cathy!

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